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Citizen's Arrest

On Wednesday 28 June at 8.30 pm, a female member of staff was attacked at East Finchley Tube Station as she left McDonalds Headquarters.

Fortunately, some community spirited witnesses came to her rescue and chased the attacker, a man in his mid 20s, and forced him to the ground.

Three of them kept him pinned there until the police arrived over 20 minutes later. One of the rescuers, an East Finchley resident, told *The Archer* that it was not easy to hold him as he kept struggling and continued to do so even with the police.

On your marks

Marks and Spencer have announced that they will be opening a 1,800 sq metre food store as part of the Tally Ho redevelopment in North Finchley.

Bill hook

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) has warned that there have been a number of reported incidences of businesses across the borough being offered advertising space in crime prevention pamphlets at around £400 a time.

The company states that they are working in partnership with the local police. This is not the case.

The MPS advises businesses not to part with any money and to do further checks about the validity of any such business.



Playgroup Picnic

A fun time was had by all when Holy Trinity Nursery hosted a picnic on the Holy Trinity School playing field.

Their guests included children and playleaders from East Finchley Playgroup, The Old Barn and Newstead Nursery.

The festivities began with a welcome from Sooty (alias Mrs Sue Bissell, Holy Trinity Nursery Teacher) then each of the nurseries and playgroups entertained each other with their own songs prior to the picnic.

The weather may have been

gloomy but it was a delight to see the sun shining in the faces of all the happy children.

Carrying the banner

By Daphne Chamberlain Do you know who is the largest, most diverse provider of social welfare services after the Government? It's the Salvation Army.

As well as their street work, they run centres for the homeless and for women escaping domestic violence, residential care homes for older people, detoxification and rehabilitation centres, and social clubs for the vulnerable young.

In the last two weeks of September they have an annual appeal, when members of the general public can help raise funds to support their work.

If you would like to help in street or door-to-door collection, please contact Haris or Anna Giannaros, our local Salvation Army officers, on 8444 0207.

New use for old Barracks

The Finchley Society has called for the former Territorial Building on the other side of the North Circular to be used for housing.

The Society's planning committee considered that the second choice option would be to use the site to extend the leisure centre or for the emergency services. Barnet Council have suggested that the building could be used for warehousing to take advantage of the excellent transport links offered by the North Circular.

Tour de Subcontinent

Charity Cycle from the Himalayas to the Ganges Pauline Farelly and Tina Constantinou of East Finchley are embarking on the challenge of a lifetime. In November 2000 they will be taking part in a 10-day cycling adventure across India, to raise funds for Mencap.

The girls will join a group of 100 cyclists on a 300km route from Shimla up in the Himalayas down to Delhi, ending with a climactic visit to the Taj Mahal across the plains by the river Ganges.

The girls are building up their stamina by cycling to work in the city and by taking part in other charity bike rides in less exotic places such as Battersea! They have just completed the Heart 106.2FM Cancer Research Campaign bike ride which started and finished at Battersea Park. They are also busy putting together a sponsorship campaign to raise funds. A target of £2,500 is a big part of the challenge.

Money raised goes towards Mencap's vital work supporting people with learning disabilities, their families and carers. Your money will contribute towards life-changing

opportunities for children and adults with learning difficulties in education, employment, housing and leisure.

If you feel you could sponsor Pauline or Tina please contact them on 020 8444 9321 or forward a cheque made out to Mencap Promotions to their address; 5 Elmhurst Court, Elmhurst Avenue, East Finchley, N2 0LU.

Catch up with back copies

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As well as the reading-room copy of the current edition, the library has a few extra papers each month to give away.